

# Y. M. C. A.

DIRECTORS GAVE LUNCHEON AT MANLEY HOTEL AT 6:30 SATURDAY EVENING

COMPLIMENTARY TO CHAS. F. NESBITT OF WASHINGTON—A PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN.

THE GUESTS HAD THE PLEASURE OF LISTENING TO AN EXCELLENT SPEECH.

The Directors of the local Y. M. C. A. gave a luncheon at the Manley hotel on Saturday evening complimentary to Mr. Chas. F. Nesbitt of the city of Washington. Mr. Nesbitt came here upon the urgent invitation of Mr. Hawley, the local secretary. He spent the day Saturday "taking in the town." He is much pleased with Fairmont and thinks we have a bright future.

The intent of the social gathering at the Manley was that some of the business men might meet Mr. Nesbitt and hear him tell of Y. M. C. A. work in other places. The guests arrived on time and promptly at 6:30 all were shown into the handsome dining room tastefully arranged for the occasion.

When all had finished eating, Mr. Hawley arose and stated the object of the directors in inviting those present and then introduced Mr. Nesbitt, who made a charming little speech. We give some of the leading points and they are worth reading and thinking over.

The Y. M. C. A. movement is only about fifty years old. It originated in England and its founder was knighted by Queen Victoria. Although the movement originated in England, it has had the highest development in North America.

## Points Worth Noting.

The Y. M. C. A. work is a business men's movement. The time was when people looked to the professional men as leaders in everything but now business men are taking a leading part in religion, politics and everything else of importance.

The Y. M. C. A. wants to help young men who are away from home and subject to many temptations. Some people say men of force will come through all right, but men of force often go wrong when tempted and when a man of power goes wrong he does much harm.

The Y. M. C. A. looks after the physical man. Clerks who bend over desks all day long need some place for exercise and recuperation. The physical condition is the basis of strength. Unless a man is first a perfect animal he cannot be a perfect man. The physical side is not given enough consideration by most people.

Education is a strong feature of Y. M. C. A. work. Last year 35,000 young men were enrolled in the night schools. That is a great army and the good done cannot be estimated.

Social and religious features are not overlooked. It would be a rare treat for some Fairmonters to attend the International meeting at Buffalo May 11, 12, 13 and 14. Fairmont is entitled to delegates. The organization here numbers 360 members at present.

The City of Washington may be taken as an example of what the association can be in a modern city. The association there eight years ago was flat on its back. It had been burned out and kicked out until its membership dropped down to 165 members. The young business men got together and decided to awake. S. W. Woodyard purchased the old Athletic Club apartments which had become a menace to the city. New life was instilled. The membership went up from 165 to 2200 in 18 months. It is now one of the very strongest organizations in the city. The Y. M. C. A. is open every day in the week in the heart of the city.

The English development is not up with the American Y. M. C. A. work. Business men have given liberally in many cities and find their money well invested. It would be hard to find a place where money would do more good.

Fairmont Association ought to have a home so it could become a permanent organization. It has done well but now is the time to try to get a home. It has been demonstrated that it is a real benefit to the young men and Fairmont's business men ought to come to the aid of an organization fraught with such great possibilities for good.

The following persons were present at luncheon:

G. F. Carroll, Jas. Titherington, L. G. Race, W. H. Billingslea, Frank P. Kelley, D. N. Snider, C. E. Hutchison, Levi B. Harr, J. M. Jacobs, T. W. Fleming, M. C. Lough, Geo. Brobst, Dayton Mayers, Edgar M. Hall, C. F. Nesbitt, of Washington; Willis Hawley.

Dr. W. T. Coburn and A. E. Miller, of Morgantown, are in the city to-day. These gentlemen are recently from Laramie, Wyoming, and are interested in mines and mining.

I have a six room house on Bridge street for rent. H. H. Lanham. x

## IT IS SO EASY TO FORGET.

Due appreciation of the importance of the issue to be decided in the campaign of 1904 was shown in the annual address of William A. Smyth, president of the New York State Republican Editorial Association, at the meeting of April 13. Rightly President Smyth admonishes his brother editors of the grave and far-reaching consequence of the questions to be decided this year: rightly he warns them that Republican editors of the State must be prepared to do their share of the fighting if we are to keep in power "the party of Protection, honest money and prosperous times." There is no question of honest money involved in this year's struggle. The Democratic party will not again overload itself to the sinking point with any "16 to 1" foolishness. But the issue that is alive to-day, as much alive as at any previous period in the country's history, is Protection and prosperous times. In his address President Smyth said:

"This year, the fifty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Republican party, promises to be a memorable one. During the past year, an off-year in politics, there has been but little work for this association to do. We are now on the threshold of a very important campaign, and probably none that have preceded it have been so important and far-reaching to the American people as this promises to be.

"You can always trust the Democratic party to have a 'paramount' issue. When this association was Free-Trade, eight years ago it was free silver, and four years ago millitarism and imperialism, with free silver as a side issue. This year the paramount issue has not been sharply defined as yet, but you can rest assured that our Democratic friends will have one.

"It looks now as if the brunt of the fight will be in the State of New York; that the two opposing candidates will be sons of the Empire State, and that we are to meet a United Democracy, though not united on principle, but simply for the spoils of office. It will be no easy campaign; the battle will be fast and furious, and the Republican editors of this state will have to do their share of the fighting. The voters, especially those in the country districts, will have to be educated and aroused to the necessity of keeping the grand old party in power, the party of Protection, honest money and prosperous times. Our people forget easily. Many of them have already forgotten the condition in which the Republican party found the country seven years ago, when they returned to power. Soup houses were popular then, but they soon gave way to the march of good times. The merchant, the farmer, the manufacturer took on new courage; the closed manufacturing were opened and running on full time; the promises of the martyred McKinley were quickly fulfilled, and prosperity was again an actuality."

True it is that "our people forget easily." They forget past ills escaped from; they forget alike the cause of those ills and the means whereby escape was made possible. Republican editors, not alone in New York, but in all the States of the Union, are exceedingly prone to forget. What wonder, then, that their readers should forget? How many members of the New York State Republican Editorial Association are blameless in this regard? How many of them have in the past four years, for example, steadily, persistently, faithfully kept in the plain view of their readers the principles, the acts, the conditions, the underlying causes of our prosperous times? How many have constantly made plain the reasons for our prosperity and the dangers attendant upon any departure from safe, sound Republican policies? Not ten per cent, we venture to say. They have had other things to think of, and they have thought and written of other things far more than they have thought or written about the elements and causes of prosperous times. "Our people forget easily." Undoubtedly they do. They forget between elections, because they are permitted to forget. It is up to Republican editors to remember all the time, and not merely for a short three months once in every four years. If they will do this our people will not so easily forget, and disastrous lapses of memory like that of 1892 will not be so liable to occur.—American Economist.

## What a Friend Saw.

At the Tavern yesterday we noticed several persons asking for smokes, the clerk politely informing them that it was against the town ordinance to sell smokes on Sunday. We noticed the same thing occur at a restaurant, the answer being "Kinsey has played h—l with us; we can't do it."

The Daily West Virginian of Fairmont made its first appearance on Tuesday of this week. If the first number is any indication of what we may look for as the days go by, the new Republican daily will be a hummer.—Preston Leader.

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## AMERICANS

ARE THE BEST PAID SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE WORLD.

IN SPITE OF THIS THEY DEMAND INCREASE AND THEY DESERVE IT.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 25.—American school teachers, as compared with teachers of other countries, are paid like bank presidents. Even the English teachers, who are regarded by teachers of Continental Europe as high salaried workers, earn much less than the American. Differences in conditions, but even in the light of all this the American teacher is the best paid in the world.

In spite of this the American teacher wants an increase of salary in many of the large cities—and justly is entitled to it, it is claimed.

While the men principals in England earn about \$650.00 a year, the woman principals earn less than \$410 and the women grade teachers earn about \$250.00.

## Women \$4.00 a Week.

In the Canadian country districts few women receive more than \$4.00 a week, while in Toronto, and other cities, after ten years service they may earn as high as \$400.00 a year. A man principal may earn as high as \$1,500.00 in the city districts. It must be taken into consideration, however, that in Canada the cost of living is lower than in the United States.

In Belgium a teacher starts with \$192.00 in addition to free rent. Advances in salary are made with good conduct. The advance is not rapid, but at the end of five years an addition of \$20.00 a year is made; at the end of ten years \$40.00; at the end of fifteen years \$50.00; and after twenty years an addition of \$120.00.

## Salary is Small.

Although Prussia has traced three victorious wars to her school teachers, the kingdom continues to reward these services with "encomiums," and not with salary. The condition of the Prussian teacher is not one of luxury nor is it calculated to foster extravagant habits. In the country the average is \$218.00 and in the cities \$341.00.

Saxony requires two years of apprenticeship in school teaching, and after these years grants a salary which may be \$120.00 a year or \$180.00 according to length of service.

## Slowly Improving France.

French teachers are no better paid than the Prussians. The French parliament recently has consented to raise the salaries a little, though the increase is to be made gradually, and it will take four or five years to complete the reform. As a beginning it has been decreed that no teacher shall be employed at less than \$200.00 a year. This applies to assistant teachers, and the regular teachers are to receive no less than \$200.00.

Italy is trying to be honest with her school teachers, but parliament has refused thus far to do much in the way of pensions and salaries remain low, the maximum in the city schools being \$232.00.

In the Netherlands the state of public education is of a high standard and salaries are in harmony with general conditions. There is no compulsory religious education in the public schools and the State maintains a number of richly endowed institutions for the education of the teachers. No teacher receives less than \$160.00.

Portugal pays ridiculously low salaries, the minimum being \$96.00 and the maximum, in cities like Lisbon and Oporto, \$135.00.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Swisher were in the city last Saturday, and called on the West Virginian. It was Mrs. Swisher's first visit to a printing establishment.

## Real Estate Transfers.

C. J. Garlow and wife to Amos H. Carpenter and Emma C. Carpenter, property in Winfield district. Consideration, \$500.

Melvin Banner and wife to William Matthews, property near First ward. Consideration, \$175.

W. L. Protzman and wife to W. S. Hartline, property in Fifth ward. Consideration, \$1,200.

Geo. W. Baker, attorney in fact, to Carl D. Yost, property in Orchard Hill addition to Fairview. Consideration, \$500.

Florence Stevens, executrix, to Chas. L. Clayton, property in Second ward. Consideration, \$700.

Eva Michael and husband to Maud D. Huey, property on a branch of Buffalo creek; consideration, \$600.

West Virginia Boiler and Machine Works to LeRoy Taylor, property in Burt addition to Mannington. Consideration, \$200.

Eliza Arnett et al. to S. L. Tanner, property in Winfield district.

Susanna B. Boggess to Alpha Tenant, property on L. de Paw Paw Creek.

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